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## PERSONAL AND MISCELLANEOUS NOTES<sup>1</sup>

Dr. S. N. Patten represented the Association at the recent conference called by President Roosevelt for considering the conservation of the nation's natural resources.

The BULLETIN takes pleasure in announcing that Mr. James B. Morman, editor of the department of Agricultural Economics for the United States *Experiment Station Record* at Washington, has been added to its board of editors and will have charge of the department of Agricultural Economics.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the New York State Department of Labor has under way a special investigation of the subject of industrial education, designed to show especially the sources from which skilled labor is now obtained in the various industries of the state, the conditions under which boys and girls enter those industries and their opportunities for advancement therein. Special provision by the legislature of 1907 has enabled the Bureau to secure a specialist to conduct the investigation in the person of Charles R. Richards, director of manual training in the Teachers' College of Columbia University, the field work and tabulation being

<sup>1</sup> Each number of the BULLETIN will contain a department of Personal and Miscellaneous Notes. These notes will cover recent appointments to academic, governmental and other scientific positions in the field of economics, announcements of scientific investigations being made, of meetings of learned societies, and notices of other events of interest to economists.

The success of this feature of the BULLETIN will depend largely upon the support given it by economic students throughout the country; and the editors earnestly solicit the coöperation of all members of the Association. Notes should be sent to the Managing Editor as early as possible, and wherever practicable should be written on the ordinary 3 x 5 index card. The next number of the Bulletin will go to press about September first.

done by the regular staff of the Bureau. It is hoped to publish the results of this investigation before the close of 1908.

The Columbia University Studies in History, Economics, and Public Law have been taken over by Longmans, Green and Company from The Macmillan Company.

Prof. A. P. Andrew, of Harvard University, has been appointed expert adviser to the United States Currency Commission, and is expected to spend the coming year abroad in investigations related to the work of the Commission.

H. J. Davenport, who has been for some time associate professor of economics in the University of Chicago, has accepted an appointment as professor of economics and head of the department in the University of Missouri.

Prof. Henry W. Farnam, of Yale University, will be on leave of absence during the coming academic year.

John C. Duncan, assistant professor of economics in Ohio State University, has accepted appointment to a similar position in the University of Illinois, where he will have charge of the work in accounting.

For the past three years the library of the University of Wisconsin has been building up an extensive collection of books and pamphlets relating to railroad transportation. This collection was made possible by Mr. James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad Company, whose gifts for this purpose have amounted to \$7000.

Material relating to American railroads, in the form of annual and miscellaneous reports of individual companies has been given first place in the selection of matter for the library. Some 5000 of these reports have been brought together. They afford abundant material for a detailed study of the history of American railroads.

Special efforts have been made to secure representative railway periodicals for all countries, as well as sets of government statistical publications relating to railroads.

Many rare items have been brought into the collection, and it is hoped that many more, for which search is now being made, will be found. The collection is now one of the largest of its kind in America.

Mr. James A. Field, of Harvard University, has been appointed instructor in economics at the University of Chicago.

Dr. Leonard W. Hatch, formerly statistician in the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the New York State Department of Labor, has been appointed chief statistician in charge of that Bureau.

Howard G. Brownson, fellow in economics of the University of Illinois, is writing a history of the Illinois Central Railroad from the origin of the project in 1831 to the present time. Financial, traffic and operating features are all receiving treatment, and considerable attention is being given to the relation of the economic development of the Illinois Central Railroad to that of the Mississippi Valley.

Dr. Glover D. Hancock, who has been fellow in economics at the University of Wisconsin during the past year, has accepted an appointment as assistant professor of economics at Amherst College for the academic year 1908-1909.

The Boston School for Social Workers, maintained by Simmons College and Harvard University, has just closed its fourth year. The students this year numbered thirty-eight, thirty-two women and six men. Three of those who complete the course this year are to be fellows in the research department. Most of the students have studied at a college or professional school before entering this school.

To the teaching staff is added Dr. T. W. Glocke, formerly instructor in political economy in Johns Hopkins University, who will assist in the classroom and also in the research department. The topics included in the course of study for next year are arranged under the general headings of The Family, Work as Related to Family and Community, Neighborly Relations, Persons Detached from Their Own Family Life, and Community Relations. The

problems of small cities, towns and country communities are considered as well as those of large cities, and the treatment of persons in need is approached through consideration of persons in the usual relations of life. The fifth year will begin September 29. Dr. Jeffrey R. Brackett continues as director, Miss Zilpha D. Smith as associate, and Prof. Carroll W. Doten as head of the research department.

The research department is working for the Russell Sage Foundation.

Dr. James B. Kennedy, acting professor of political economy at Wells College, has been appointed professor.

Dr. James Bonar, deputy master of the Canadian mint, Dr. Fabian Franklin and Prof. Winthrop M. Daniels will be among the non-resident lecturers in political economy at the Johns Hopkins University during the academic year 1908-09.

The editors of *The World's Work* announce a series of articles by John D. Rockefeller under the title of *Some Random Reminiscences of Men and Events*, to begin with the October number.

Matthew B. Hammond, who has been associate professor of economics in Ohio State University since 1905, has been recently promoted to a full professorship.

Dr. C. P. Huse, of Harvard University, has been appointed instructor in economics at the University of Chicago.

Oliver C. Lockhart, instructor in economics in Cornell University, has been appointed assistant professor of economics and sociology in Ohio State University.

The National Conference of Charities and Corrections was held the first week in May at Richmond, Va., with a registration of over 600 members. The Conference was in session a week and had a rich and varied program. The following members of the American Economic Association are among the officers elected for the ensuing year; third vice-president, Robert W. Hebbard, New York; members of executive committee, Homer Folks, New York, and Frank

L. McVey, Minneapolis; chairman of committees for the next conference, Frank A. Fetter, Ithaca, N. Y., and Robert A. Woods, Boston, Mass.

The work of this Conference has for years been expanding and taking on more the character of general education and social reform. This is shown by the standing committee on Industrial Insurance, nearly all of whose members (including the chairman, Prof. Charles R. Henderson) are members of this Association. The same tendency toward substituting a scientific and preventive philanthropy for the old type of charity is shown in the constitution recently of new committees on statistics, on health and sanitation, and on immigration. The next meeting of the Conference will be in Buffalo in the summer of 1909.

John Lee Coulter, assistant in political economy in the University of Wisconsin, has accepted a position at the University of Minnesota for next year as instructor in political economy.

Mr. Louis Wallis, of Columbus, Ohio, has been appointed instructor in sociology on half time in Ohio State University for the coming year.

The Second International Conference on State and Local Taxation under the auspices of the National Tax Association will be held at Toronto, Canada, October 6-9, 1908.

Dr. John Bauer, of Yale University, has accepted an appointment as instructor in economics at Cornell University.

Dr. Frank McVey, formerly professor of economics in the University of Minnesota, is chairman of the Minnesota State Tax Commission created by the legislature of 1907.

Royal Meeker has been appointed assistant professor of political economy at Princeton University in place of Walter A. Wyckoff deceased, and Henry Jones Ford has been appointed to the chair of politics in place of Harry A. Garfield, resigned.

Professor Seligman, of Columbia University, has recently added to his economic library the Francis Place collection of labor literature. Mr. Place collected these works during the years 1815-

1840, and the collection is very rich in the scarce labor, socialistic, and population pamphlets and periodicals of this period. Professor Seligman's library now also contains an entirely complete collection of the works and periodicals written or edited by Robert Owen and Karl Marx.

Professor Seligman has accepted the chairmanship of the new permanent committee on congestion of population in New York.

The Bureau of Social Research, conducted on the Russell Sage Foundation in connection with the New York School of Philanthropy, has been carrying on investigations on the following topics during the past year:

The Salary Loan Business in New York City, Possibilities of Employment for the Handicapped, The Training of Social Workers, Cost of Burial Among the Poor in New York City, The Treatment of the Inebriate in New York City, and The Study of Selected New York Charity Organization Society Records.

Of these the first has been completed and the others are nearing completion. During the coming year the Bureau plans further investigations into fiscal agencies which operate among the poor, as well as into the subjects of local markets and of the relations that exist between neighborhood work and the public schools.

M. O. Lorenz of the University of Wisconsin has been granted a leave of absence for the year 1908-1909. He will continue to serve as deputy commissioner in the Wisconsin Bureau of Labor at Madison. A report on Industrial Accidents and Employers' Liability in Wisconsin, prepared mainly by Dr. Lorenz, will be issued this year.

The next Congress under the auspices of the Royal Economic Society will be held in London on October first and second. The subjects chosen for discussion at this conference will be the Economics of Transportation, The Poor Law, and Pure Economic Theory.

Dr. C. W. A. Veditz, who has had charge of the organization of the new college of the political sciences in The George Washington University, and who has acted as dean of this college during the

past year, has resigned his administrative duties, but will continue as head professor of economics and sociology. Pending the election of a successor to Dr. Veditz, the president of the university will act as director of the college.

Two of the new departments of instruction inaugurated by Western Reserve University during the current year are the M. A. Hanna chair of political science and the Selah Chamberlain chair of sociology.

Upon the death of Senator Hanna it was suggested that a fitting monument to his memory would be a chair of political science in an Ohio college. Western Reserve University was chosen as the institution in which to establish this professorship. Friends of the Senator and of the University contributed liberally, the aggregate of their gifts amounting to \$100,000, Dr. A. R. Hatton was appointed associate professor of political science.

Of \$150,000 given to Western Reserve University by members of the Chamberlain family, \$75,000 was set apart for the endowment of the department of sociology. The new chair is designated as the Selah Chamberlain professorship of sociology. Dr. James E. Cutler of the University of Michigan was appointed associate professor of sociology upon this foundation. Mr. H. W. Woolston, head of the Goodrich House Social Settlement is lecturer in sociology.

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Richard Boeckh of the University of Berlin died December 5, 1907, at the ripe age of 83 years. He entered the Prussian Statistical Bureau fifty-five years earlier, began lecturing on the statistics of population in 1862 before the seminary of that Bureau, became Director of the Berlin Statistical Bureau in 1875 and after 1881 combined the burdensome duties of that position with those of professor of statistics at the University of Berlin. His long and deep interest in American statistics is shown by his careful review of the Seventh Census of the United States when it was published in 1854 and his thorough and critical article on the Racial Stock of American Immigrants printed in German and in English in 1906.

No one of the last generation did more than Professor Boeckh to improve the accuracy, extend the scope and interpret the meaning of population statistics.

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The death of Walter A. Wyckoff, assistant professor of political economy at Princeton University, on May 15, removed one of the best known of the younger economists. While never active in the work of the Economic Association, he had been a member for twelve years and was a frequent attendant at the annual meetings. He was born in British India forty-three years ago, graduated from Princeton University in 1888, and then traveled around the world. During the years 1892-1893 he tramped across the United States, earning his way as a casual laborer, and later embodied his experiences in two volumes, *The Workers*. In this work and in frequent magazine articles he showed himself master of a singularly vivid and attractive style and of wonderfully clear powers of description. The knowledge of industrial conditions gained by this intimate first-hand acquaintance with facts brought Professor Wyckoff into demand as a lecturer and adviser. In his own home town he was foremost in all movements for social betterment. His influence among the students, both as a successful teacher and as an exponent of manly Christianity, was strong and steadily growing.

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